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SUBJ: AFGHAN DELEGATION TO UNGA

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1. DEPFONMIN WAHID ABDULLAH TOLD ME AUGUST 12 THAT HE WILL BE AFGHANISTAN'S PRINCIPAL REPRESENTATIVE TO THIS YEAR'S UNGA, WHILE THE AFGHAN DELEGATION WILL BE LED BY AFGHAN AMBASSADOR TO NEW DELHI AND LONG-TIME UN HAND, ABDUR RAHMAN PAZHWAK. ABDULLAH HAS NOT YET DETERMINED THE EXACT DATES HE WILL BE IN NEW YORK.

2. ABDULLAH SAID THAT HE THOUGHT IT PARTICULARLY OPPORTUNE FOR HIM TO GO TO THE UN AND THE U.S. IN LIGHT OF THE CHANGE IN OUR ADMINISTRATION. HE SAID THAT HE WISHES AN APPOINTMENT WITH THE SECRETARY IN NEW YORK OR WASHINGTON AND WOULD WANT TO GO TO WASHINGTON TO SEE OTHER OFFICIALS AS WELL. HE POINTEDLY REMINDED ME OF HIS FAILURE TO BE RECEIVED BY THE SECRETARY OR AT THE WHITE HOUSE DURING HIS VISIT TO WASHINGTON LAST FALL.

3. COMMENT: I HOPE THE SECRETARY WILL BE ABLE TO WORK

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ABDULLAH INTO HIS CALENDAR DURING THE UNGA. ALTHOUGH

ABDULLAH'S TITLE IS DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER (PRESIDENT DAOUD HOLDS THE TITLE OF FOREIGN MINISTER), WAHID ABDULLAH RUNS THE FOREIGN MINISTRY IN AFGHANISTAN. HE IS ALSO ONE OF DAOUD'S CLOSEST ADVISORS AND INTIMATES ACROSS THE BOARD.

5. AS THERE HAVE BEEN NO CONTACTS BETWEEN USG AND GOA ABOVE DEPONMIN LEVEL SINCE FOUNDATION OF AFGHAN REPUBLIC IN JULY, 1973, ABDULLAH WILL UNDOUBTEDLY WANT TO OUTLINE TO THE SECRETARY THE GOA'S DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN POLICIES. HE IS LIKELY TO STRESS AFGHANISTAN'S CONTINUING DESIRE FOR AMERICAN SUPPORT FOR ITS INDEPENDENCE AND DEVELOPMENT. HE WILL ALSO PRESENT THE GOA'S SIDE OF ITS DISPUTE WITH PAKISTAN.

6. WE RECOMMEND THE SECRETARY STRESS OUR INTENTION TO CONTINUE SUPPORT FOR AFGHANISTAN'S DEVELOPMENT, OUR HOPE THAT AFGHAN-PAK PROBLEMS CAN BE HANDLED PEACEFULLY, AND WITH RESTRAINT, AND OUR PLEASURE AT IMPROVED AFGHAN-IRANIAN RELATIONS.

7. I WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE NEA SOUNDING OUT THE COUNCIL ON FOREIGNRELATIONS AND/OR THE ASIA SOCIETY TO SEE IF THEY WOULD LIKE ABDULLAH AS A SPEAKER WHILE HE IS IN NEW YORK. ABDULLAH WOULD WELCOME AND BE FLATTERED BY SUCH AN INVITATION.

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